

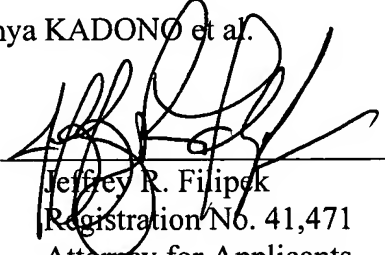
## REMARKS

The present amendment cancels claims 1-23 in favor of new claims 24-27 in order to make all of the claims in the present application sufficiently correspond to the patentable/allowable claims in the JPO application with respect to which a Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program is made in the present application.

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